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**Re: Arizona Public Service Company Rate Case
Docket No. E-01345A-03-0437**

To the Honorable Members of the Commission:

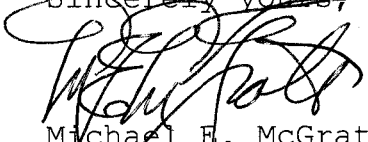
The Arizona AFL-CIO represents over 135,000 workers in dozens of member unions working in virtually every part of our State's economy. The purpose of this letter is to express our federation's strong support of the proposed settlement in the above-referenced case.

As expressed by the Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") President and Chief Executive Officer Jack Davis several weeks ago, the operating costs for APS have increased dramatically since 1991 which was when it received its last rate increase. As such, APS has experienced an increase in costs associated with fuel used to generate electricity, new plants and facilities, maintenance, and other expenses for providing safe and reliable service to its customers. We believe that Commission approval of the proposed settlement will permit APS to address these increasing costs. What is equally important, it will allow APS to maintain one of the highest skilled, unionized work forces in the State of Arizona. It is clear that APS's nearly sixty-year relationship with organized labor has inured to the benefit of the company, its employees, and customers.

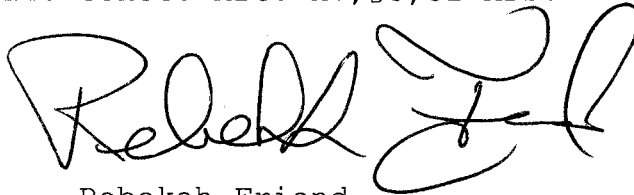


It is for this reason that the Arizona AFL-CIO is in adamant support of this Commission's approval of the proposed settlement agreement. The safe, reliable, and professional service that has been provided to APS customers has been possible largely because of the commitment of its employees. What is more important, the commitment is due to the mutuality of respect and vision that APS enjoys with its employees. In sum, APS is a responsible corporate citizen and we at the Arizona AFL-CIO believe that the proposed rate increase will have positive consequential effects on "the employees and patrons," Ariz. Const. Art. XV, §3, of APS.

Sincerely yours,



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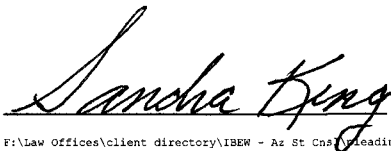
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